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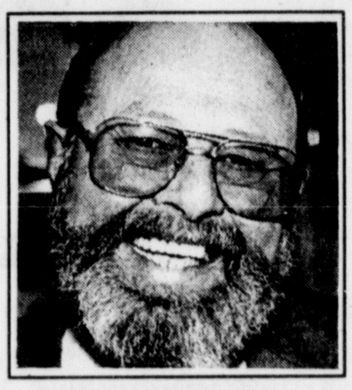
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News-Ledger interview:

WUSD chief talks about progress in local schools

By Daryl Fisher
Features Editor

Stuart Greenfeld, the Superintendent of Schools for West Sacramento's Washington Unified School District, recently granted the *News-Ledger* the following exclusive interview. He discusses the present condition of West Sacramento's public schools and the challenges facing the district if every WUSD student is going to receive the best education possible.



STUART 'STU' GREENFELD

News-Ledger: So, have there been any real big surprises since you became Superintendent of Schools last year?

Greenfeld: No, not really. My wife and I have lived in this community for a long time, and I pretty much knew what I was getting myself into when I took the job. At the time, there was quite a bit of chaos and finger-pointing going on, but I think it's fair to say that most of that has settled down and everyone's attention is now back on what really counts, providing a quality education for all the students of West Sacramento.

News Ledger: What are some of the important issues facing the district this coming year?

Greenfeld: I think student achievement and financial stability are probably at the top of the list. With all the new state and national attention on public education standards, students everywhere are going to have to start meeting higher requirements to be promoted to the next grade level. With that in mind, we have recently developed a Parent Handbook of Student Academic Learning Expectations so that all our parents will know what their child should be learning in every subject at every grade level. In addition, we are working hard at improving the district's overall academic performance, and I think our test scores are starting to reflect that. We are working especially hard at improving River City High test scores, and we have increased the number of instruction minutes per period there to 52 minutes and made a 7th period compulsory.

My concerns related to financial stability in terms of this year and the next few years are shared by many other school districts. We have already taken several steps at WUSD, such as strengthening internal con-

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New 'brains' in local patrol cars

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

A new inside-the-patrol-car computer system may help keep local cops out of the station house and on the street for more of their workday.

"The Davis, West Sacramento, Woodland, and Winters police departments are all getting mobile data computers in their patrol vehicles," reports Officer Amy Lawrence, the West Sacramento Police Department spokesperson. "For West Sacramento, at least, this will be a first. The cost is covered by a grant we applied for."

The computers should help in two ways, said Lawrence.

"The computer will enable officers to eventually write reports in their vehicles, instead of coming in to the station to write reports. They'll also be able to run more license and registration checks, driver's license checks, stolen property checks and warrant checks from their patrol vehicles."

Currently, explained Lawrence, officers need to use the police radio to run a stolen vehicle check, warrant check, or request for other information.

"When you share a radio frequency with eight other officers, that limits how many checks you can do without hogging the frequency."

The computers will "talk" directly to the Department of Motor Vehicles database. Officers can run just about as many checks for stolen vehicles or other concerns as they like without infringing on each others' communication over the radio.

Lawrence said that the new computers will be installed in all 20 of the department's active, or soon-to-be-active, patrol cars over the next few weeks.



OFFICER AMY LAWRENCE demonstrates a new computer keyboard installed in one of the West Sacramento Police Department's patrol cars. The computers will allow officers to write up reports while still in the field -- or to call up checks on stolen vehicles or warrants virtually at will.

Photo by Barry Blacklaw

How a port can be a 'good neighbor'

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

The Port of Sacramento took a busload of local officials, citizen activists and other interested people on an unusual "field trip" to the Port of Oakland on Friday, for a workshop on the Port of Oakland's experiences in community relations. The workshop came after a series of planned industrial uses at the Port of Sacramento's West Sacramento acreage drew fire from West Sacramento residents.

The local port has drawn flak for considering a natural gas-fired power plant, an asphalt plant and a petroleum tank farm.

Friday's discussion at the Port of Oakland's offices in Jack London Square focused on how to get port officials and neighbors of a port to work together.

A "stickler" of an issue at the Port of Oakland has been increased diesel exhaust from trains, trucks and tugboats as the port's facilities and shipping grow, a Port of Oakland representative reported.

"The community began to express those concerns to us, and at one point we actually had litigation from one of the community groups," said Harold Jones, director of communications for the Oakland port. "The West Oakland community happened to have a very vocal and strident member of the Oakland City Council who was active in keeping these issues in front of the port."

Jones added that listening to disgruntled community members has forced the Port of Oakland to change its perception of what it needs to do to be a "good neighbor."

"The community will make you aware of what your responsibility is, and often that goes beyond what we think of as being responsible," said Jones. "We've also developed a 'good neighbor' policy, which seems simple, but is a complicated and delicate thing. It determines what is a 'good neighbor,' and how far that should go."

Richard Sinkoff, representing the Oakland port's environmental planning department, echoed that sentiment in comments to the assembled crowd. He said that as the port planned a new "intermodal" facility to join ships with truck and train terminals, it misjudged what was "adequate" environmental mitigation.

"Our plan was to do everything 'by the book,' " said Sinkoff. "What we found out was this was not sufficient. We did not know enough about the community's concerns about air quality, and did not know a lot about available (pollution-reducing technology). The community said our plan was not enough, and we got sued."

But the ensuing arguments and negotiations worked out for the best, he added.

"They provided us with a list of ideas (on reducing air pollution). Some were standard, and some were non-traditional ways of offsetting emissions. We studied 42 different measures, and we studied them for each mode of transportation – truck emissions, rail emissions and forklifts. We came up with a $9 million air quality program we are currently implementing, including repowering diesel buses to work with low-emission engines."

Janice Adam, a community relations employee for Oakland's port, told the guests that several years ago

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Mayor's top priority: a new city manager

By Daryl Fisher
Features Editor

West Sacramento's new mayor, Bill Kristoff, has a number of priorities for the upcoming year, and at the head of that list is finding a qualified replacement for city manager Joseph Goeden, who recently announced his retirement after serving as West Sacramento's top administrator since 1989.

"Replacing Joe is not going to be an easy task," said Kristoff, "and I want to get the search underway as soon as possible. Joe did a great job for us and it is such an important position that it is vital that we do everything we can to find the right person to replace him."

Second on Kristoff's list of priorities is getting the new $14 million City Hall and Community Center up and running as soon as possible.

"I'm really anxious for us to get out of rental space and into our own building," said Kristoff. "Not only will it save the city money and add an exciting new presence to West Capitol Avenue, but it will also enhance the possibility of more quality development in West Sacramento in the future."



WILLIAM 'BILL' KRISTOFF: Mayor for a new term

Third on Kristoff's list is putting together a funding mechanism which will help the city improve and repair its roads, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks.

"City infrastructure has always been a priority of mine and I'm going to be aggressively looking for a way get our roads and sidewalks in the best shape possible," said Kristoff. "I've already got an idea of what I want to do and the hope is that it won't end up costing our taxpayers anything."

Kristoff also said that in the upcoming year he hopes he and his fellow city council members will be presented with all the necessary information to make informed decisions on such matters as a proposed casino for West Sacramento and more industrial growth for the Port of Sacramento.

"As of now," said Kristoff, "although these matters are being hotly discussed throughout the city, the city council has
received nothing that would shed much light on the situation. As for a casino being built in West Sacramento, I have not seen the deal, if there is one, and I, just like most West Sacramentans, am going to have to be convinced that we need it. Hopefully we will get more details soon so informed decisions can be made. The same goes for new projects at the Port. Nothing has been formally presented to us, so obviously it's too soon to properly analyze them."

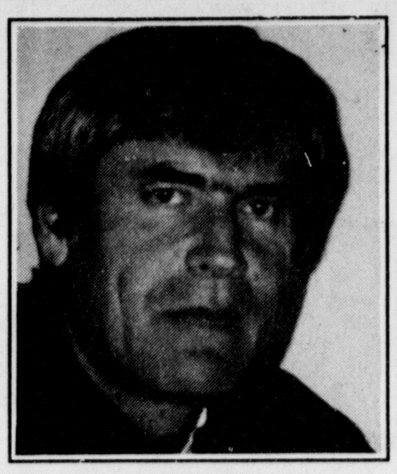
Finally, Kristoff would also like to see the city and the Washington Unified School District work closely together to ensure that everything that can be done is being done to improve local public school facilities and test scores.

"Schools are an integral part of any community," said Kristoff, "and the city wants to play a constructive role in assisting them whenever possible."

Kristoff is a lifelong resident of West Sacramento and is the only city council member to have served continuously since the city incorporated in 1987. This is the third time Kristoff has been chosen as mayor. He previously held the position during 1990-91 and 1996-97.

Some country-western song lyrics for the lonely

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

Have you ever wondered what really goes on in one of those country-western bars? I mean, do lonely young guys and gals in cowboy hats and boots interact any differently than their counterparts in expensive suits and fancy dresses? And just where in the world do those country-western singers come up with all those great lyrics that make their songs so popular?

Well, for some reason, these and other equally deep questions were galloping through my head the other night just as I was about to fall asleep. The result was this rather strange dream I had about a good-looking young cowboy dressed up in a Roy Rogers outfit strolling up to a pretty young cowgirl seated all by herself at a corner table of Cotton-Eyed Joe's. It's all pretty fuzzy right now, but a song entitled *You Done Me Wrong And That Ain't Right* was playing softly in the background and I think the conversation went a little something like this:

"Ma'am," said the cowboy to the cowgirl, "I'm feeling a little low-down tonight, and I'd sure like to buy you a drink, but *If The Devil Danced In Empty Pockets, He'd Have A Ball In Mine.*"

She looked up at him and smiled. "That's okay, handsome," she said, "*I'm Just Killing Time 'Til This Heartache Kills Me.* Why don't you pull up a chair and *Come In Out Of The Pain.*"

He gladly sat down beside her and politely removed his Garth Brooks-like hat. "I couldn't help noticing that you look a little like you got *The Tropical Depression Blues*, too," he said.

"Its just that *Every Time I Make My Mark, Someone Paints The Wall,*" she said. He nodded that he understood as she looked up sadly from her drink and added, "Sometimes I swear, *I Don't Know Whether To Kill Myself Or Go Bowling.*"

"I know just how you feel," he said sympathetically. "I guess it's just one of those nights when *Even The Man In The Moon Is Crying.*" He looked down at his watch.

"What time is it?" she asked.

"Ma'am," he said, "it's almost midnight, but I'm afraid I'm on *Lonesome Standard Time.* Would you care to dance?"

"I don't think so," she said. "The last time I danced with a man, *He Got The Rhythm And I Got The Blues.*"

"I know right where you're coming from," he said. "When my woman left me, *She Got The Gold Mine And I Got The Shaft.*"

"You know," she said, "sometimes I think it's just me. Maybe *I Was Born With A Broken Heart?*" A tear came to her eye. "*A Little More Hurt Can't Hurt Me,*" she bravely added, "but *Seven Days Of Crying Makes One Weak.*"

"Ma'am," he said, "please don't think that way. You're a very attractive woman, and to tell you the truth, *I Want You Bad And That Ain't Good.*"

"Really?" she asked, obviously surprised and a little bit alarmed.

"I sure hope I haven't said something inappropriate, Ma'am."

"Oh, no, it's not that," she quickly said, "it's just that *I Don't Want To Go Back To Heartbreak School, Cause I've Already Earned My Degree In Misery.*"

"I can certainly relate to that," he said. "In fact, to tell you the truth, Ma'am, *The Last Time My Ship Came In, I Was Waiting For The Train.*"

"Maybe *We're Two Of A Kind, Working On A Full House?*" she asked him.

"Ma'am," he said, taking a deep breath, "it may be true that *The Girls All Get Prettier At Closing Time,* but I want you to believe me when I say *I'm Not Just Another Wall-Away Joe.*" She smiled and nodded her appreciation. "And Ma'am," he added with his voice lowered, "right now *There Ain't No Queen In My King-Sized Bed,* and *If I Said You Had A Beautiful Body, Would You Hold It Against Me?*"

She looked lovingly over at his rugged face and returned his warm and hopeful smile.

"Well," she finally answered, "okay, I guess it would be alright, cause *I Do Need Some Time Off For Bad Behavior* -- but you gotta promise me something."

"You just name it, Ma'am."

"*If I'm Not The First, Just Say I'll Be The Last.*"

"You got it, Ma'am."

"Who knows," she said to him as they cautiously took each other's hand and stood up to leave the bar, "maybe for the first time in ages, we'll both wake up tomorrow morning without an *Achy-Breaky Heart.*"

New titles at library

The Arthur F. Turner Library has received the following new books:

"Dr. Spock's The School Years: The Emotional and Social Development of Children" by Benjamin Spock, M.D. Edited by Martin T. Stein, M.D.

"By Order of the President: FDR and the Internment of Japanese Americans" by Greg Robinson.

"The Pyramids: The Mystery, Culture, and Science of Egypt's Great Monuments" by Miroslav Verner.

"The Kennedy Men: 1901 - 1963, The Laws of the Father" by Laurence Leamer.

"Talking About Death Won't Kill You" by Virginia Morris.

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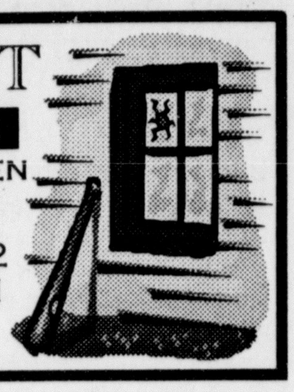
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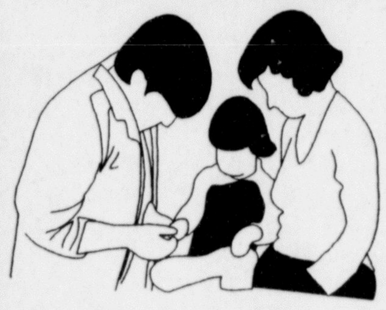
Richard Victoria

Richard Victoria was born in the Philippines on September 10, 1934 and died in West Sacramento on January 6, 2002. He is survived by children Christopher, Gilbert and Gloria Victoria, and sisters Rufina Trajano and Felis Aranita.

Richard worked as a canning company foreman in Alaska and was a 30-year resident of Yolo County. His remains will be taken back to the Philippines for burial.

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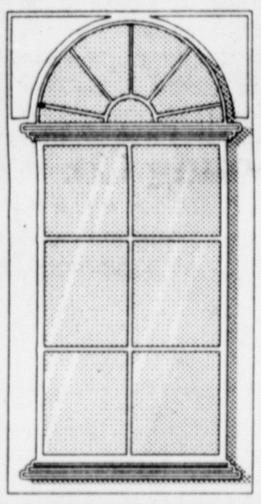


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SPORTS

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

"NFL News"

The Oakland Raiders and the San Francisco 49ers each ended up on different roads to Super Bowl XXXVI in New Orleans. The Raiders' journey will take them to New England after the Silver and Black knockout the New York Jets with a 38-24 wild card victory. The Niners' journey ended in Green Bay with a heartbreaking interception that led to a 25-15 loss at the hands of Brett Favre and the Packers.

The Niners had clawed their way back in the fourth quarter to tie the game a 15 apiece when Packers defensive back, Mike McKenzie tipped a Garcia pass into the hands of Packers safety Tyrone Williams. The player of the game was Packers defensive back Mike McKenzie. McKenzie's job was to cover All-Pro Terrell Owens and he did an excellent job. McKenzie held Owens to just four catches for 40 yards and no touchdowns. McKenzie also knockdown another pass intended for the Owens in the end zone that prevented the 49ers from taking the lead in the fourth quarter.

The 49ers' young kicker, Jose Cortez, missed another field goal in the first half that could have changed the outcome of the game. Cortez started the season strong but ended up missing 8 of his last 14 attempts.

The 49ers won 12 games this year and should be very proud of this season after winning only six games last year. The Niners' road to the Super Bowl ended with two flat tires, but next season looks very promising for Garcia and their young defensive squad.

Just a quick note on the 49ers' 2002 schedule which came out last week. The Niners will travel next year to New York to play the Giants and also will have another shot at Dallas but the game of the year will be across the bay in Oakland. Dates and times to be announced in the coming months.

The Raiders victory was led by two ex-49ers that probably enjoyed their best games of the season. Jerry Rice caught nine passes for 183 yards and a touchdown, tying the Raiders record for catches in a playoff game.

Charlie Garner rushed for 158 yards, including an 80 run in the closing minutes to ensure a Raiders victory over the stunned Jets. The Raiders offensive unit finally showed up with Rich Gannon beginning the game with a no-huddle offense that amassed 502 total yards. Rice and Garner accounted for 368 yards those total yards. The best news the Raiders received last Saturday was the return of place kicker, Sebastian Janikowski. The Raiders kicker connected on all three of his field goal attempts after missing last week's game with something called cellulitis of the foot.

Now it's on to Foxboro, Mass. next Saturday night (5:00 p.m.-ch.13) for the AFC West champions to tangle with the AFC East champion New England Patriots. Oakland could still end hosting the AFC Championship game on January 27th. First of all the Raiders must win in New England and the mighty Steelers would have to lose next Sunday (9:30 a.m.- ch. 13) in Pittsburgh to the defending Super Bowl Champions, the Baltimore Ravens.

The Ravens beat the Steelers 13-10 on Nov. 4th in Pittsburgh.

My playoff predictions (3 wins, 1 loss) started off in the right direction with the Raiders, Ravens and Packers winning. The only loss was with Tampa Bay, who will probably fire their long time coach Tony Dungy and replace him with Bill Parcels. Now the picks get a little harder with the tournament narrowed down to the final eight teams.

In the NFC's second round of the Super Bowl tournament I like the Rams (-10) over the Packers. The Rams bye week allow them to add few more plays to their arsenal. Rams 31, Packers 17.

The other NFC match up I'll take Da Bears (-2 ½) over Philly. Da Bears will smother Donovan McNabb and I'll bet you a penny they lull the Eagles to sleep. Bears 24, Eagles 10.

In the AFC the Raiders (+3) will upset the Patriots as the Raiders offense comes to life in a barnburner in Boston. Oakland 31, New England 27.

The No. 1 seed will have their hands full with the Ravens defense but the Steelers (-5 ½) will shake up Elvis and the defending champs with their own intense defense. Pittsburgh 24, Baltimore 13.

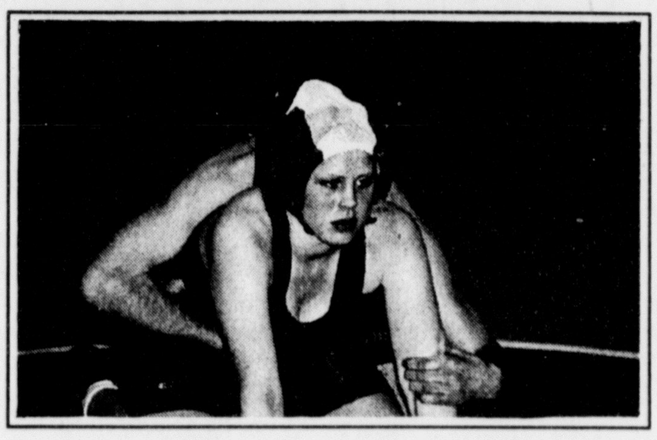
"Kings Korner"

The Sacramento Kings (27-9) pulled into a first place tie with the Los Angeles Lakers (26-8) after beating the Phoenix Suns 103-100 last Sunday. The Kings have taken the season series from the Suns, winning three out the four games against their Pacific Division opponents. This could prove to be very important in case the Kings need a tiebreaker for the playoff seeding. The division-leading Lakers, who have lost two in row, are struggling and will have to play a few more games with out the Shaq. Mr. O'Neal took offense to a foul in Chicago the other night and will be fined and suspended for fighting.

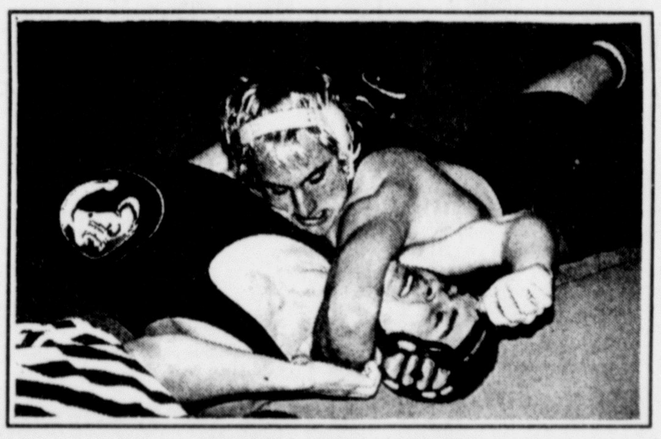
Chris Webber is starting to take over the Kings leadership role will Vlade Divac and Mike Bibby still nursing injuries. C-Webb scored 28 points and grabbed 13 rebounds while dishing out 7 assists in the Kings win over the Suns. Webber is playing in only in his 13th game of the season after sitting out the start of the season with a bad ankle sprain. Peja Stojakovic had 25 points, and

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Losing a close one



RIVER CITY HIGH SCHOOL's wrestling team lost a close match to Marysville last Wednesday -- falling by only two points despite having several new team members and no one to compete in three different weight classes. The competition took place at River City.
ABOVE: Katie Butz, the lone female on the Raider squad, prepares for a round. Katie lost this match.
BELOW: JUSTIN HUNT (top), who won his match.
Photos by Barry Blacklaw



Time for West Sac Little League signups

The West Sacramento Little League, which has been in operation since 1954, will hold registration for players age 5-15 on Saturdays, January 5, 12, and 19 from 1-3 p.m., and on Wednesdays, January 9 and 16 from 6-8 p.m. at the Fireman's Hall, located at 1966 Park Boulevard in West Sacramento. Fees are $40 (age 5-6), $50 (age 7-12), and $60 (age 13-15). A fully refundable $30 work deposit will also be assessed to each family.

It is important that all players register on these dates so that the number of teams needed in each division can be determined. A late fee will be charged to all players registering at tryouts.

Little League tryouts (ages 8-12) will be held at Memorial Park on Saturdays, February 2 and 9.


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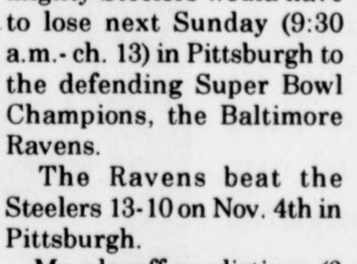
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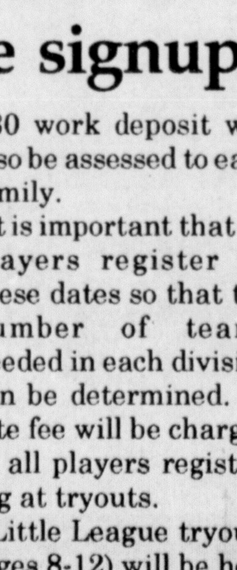
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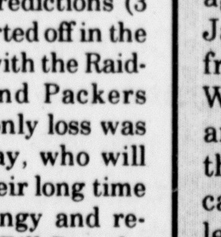
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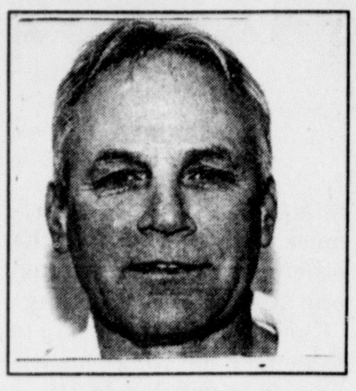
by Chris Richcreek

1. In what year did Fay Vincent resign as commissioner of baseball?
2. What Chicago Cubs reliever holds the mark for saving the most games in the month of April?
3. When was the last time the Pac-10 had a player finish as runner-up in the Heisman Trophy voting?
4. Who recorded the most assists during an NBA playoff game?
5. What team has the longest streak in NHL history of consecutive seasons with at least 45 victories?
6. Which country ended Canada's Olympic men's hockey undefeated streak of 20 games in 1936?
7. Which two majors did PGA golf legend Sam Snead win three times each?

What's your New Year's Resolution?

Asked at various locations around West Sacramento

Compiled by Barry Blacklaw



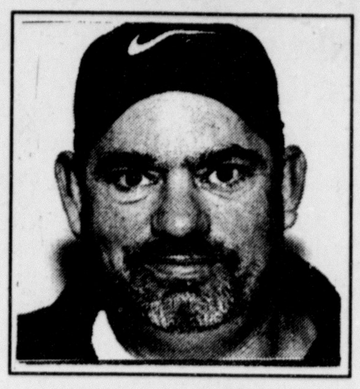
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Chiropractor

I want to lower my stress level, get into better shape and be able to ride my bike 100 miles.



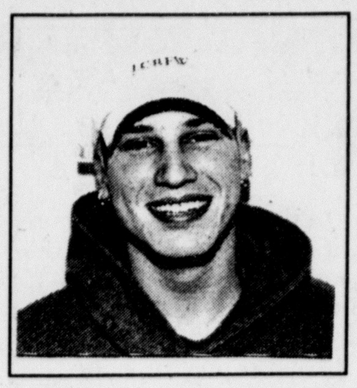
PAM GEIVETT
Personnel Specialist

Exercise at least two times per week, continue with Weight Watchers and take more family vacations.



TOM RAY, JR.
Carpet Store Owner

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TRAVIS GROESBECK
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Events around the West Sacramento region

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Quilt show

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Big band fun

Northern California pianist, arranger and big band leader Len Casey will perform with his wife and 13-piece orchestra on January 27th at the Sacramento Elks Lodge #6, 6446 Riverside Boulevard, from 2-5 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Nor-Cal Big Bands Preservation Society. For more information, call 929-9181.

Bird refuge open to visitors

The Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, which is located off Interstate 5 (take the Elk Grove Boulevard exit) will be open January 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and January 26th from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The winter migration is under full flight and for more information, call 775-4420 or 775-4421.

Dr.Martin Luther King March

The 15th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King March will be held on January 21, 2001, concluding with a program which will be held on the west steps of the California State Capitol. For more information, call the Cultural Awareness Center at Sacramento City College, 558-2155.

Swing dance

The Western Swing Society will hold its monthly music session and dance on February 3, 2002 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at VFW Post #67 at 2784 Stockton Boulevard in Sacramento. For more information call Harley Doughty at 635-0450.

Panda twins on display

Red panda twins, born on June 16th, are now on exhibit with their parents daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sacramento Zoo, located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park.

Newcomers meet

Newcomers and Neighbors of the Greater Sacramento Area holds a monthly coffee the first Thursday of every month at 10 am. For location and further information call 984-1237.

Senior peer counseling

Free training sessions are being held for people interested in being a Senior Peer Counselor. If you think you might be interested in spending an hour or so once a week with an "older adult", call 855-5444.

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EIGHT FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1925. INDEPENDENT-LEADER

WASHINGTON NEWS ITEMS

The Sacramento River registered two feet three inches U. S. gauge at the Southern Pacific bridge yesterday. Owing to the great amount of water being allowed to drain into the river at the present time from the rice fields of up-river counties, the stage of the river has raised several inches within the past two weeks.

Joseph Peltier, one of the trustees of Reclamation District No. 900, or West Sacramento, was a visitor yesterday at Westgate. Mr. Peltier takes a lively interest in the affairs of the district and whenever opportunity presents itself he doesn't hesitate to make a trip from his home in San Mateo County to West Sacramento.

James P. McAnulty is at Westgate overlooking affairs of the Central California Development Company after several days' absence in Oakland and San Francisco.

Today the dredger Mars, owned by the Olympian Dredging Company of San Francisco, was placed at work strengthening the levee of the West Sacramento District at a point fronting the Alaska Packers' Association properties near Chichory Bend. Last winter, owing to the high stage of the river, this section of the levee was eroded considerably and the work now being done by the Mars became necessary. Other sections of the levee will also be strengthened as noted in the last issue of the Independent.

Julius' Italian Restaurant, 303 J St. 75-cent chicken and ravioli dinner Sunday, 11 to 2 p. m., 5 o'clock on. Coolest dining room in Sacramento. (adv

Charles Powers, deputy sheriff under Sheriff Monroe and in charge of the West Sacramento Auto Camp, is improving at his home, but is now afflicted with an ulcer on one of his eyes. Last week he was troubled with kidney trouble, but has greatly improved from that condition.

Last Thursday evening, September 24th, Constable Wilson swooped down on a gambling game located at a point north of Rocky Point and arrested Wong Gee, who at that time was engaged in dealing a chuck-a-luck game. Wilson took up part of the paraphernalia used in conducting the game, but had not sufficient evidence to secure a conviction. Nevertheless when the Chinaman was brought before Judge Barry he waived all rights and pleaded guilty. Because this was his second offense committed in the same place Judge Barry fined the Oriental $150. The Chinese immediately closed his premises and crossed the bridge to Sacramento.

Jack G. Monahan of San Francisco, arrested for speeding by Officer Jacobs last Saturday, pleaded guilty by mail last Monday to Judge Barry. He was fined $10, which was paid immediately by return mail.

E. J. Pinto, a resident of Bryte who has been thoroughly enjoying himself on his motorcycle by smashing any speed records that were ever heard of between Washington and his home, was taken up by Traffic Officer Jacobs last Monday for reckless driving. When arraigned before Judge Barry he pleaded guilty and was fined $15, which he paid immediately.

J. S. Lear and Tom Dupzyk have established a plumbing shop in the rear of the Dupzyk home on Tihrd Street and have entered the business to make a living for themselves and their families. Both are competent workmen, having good strong backs and brawny arms. When business in the plumbing line is light they propose to enter into the automobile repair business, and since both of them are all-around mechanics they anticipate they will be able to get their share of the trade this side of the river as well as some from the other side.

G. W. Lewis returned to his home on Second Street yesterday after having been confined in the Sutter Hospital for a period of six weeks. He has greatly recovered from his sickness and may be able to return to his work in Sacramento in a few days.

TURKEY THIEF SHOT IN LISBON DISTRICT BY IRATE FARMER

Refusing to halt as he was fleeing from a turkey shed on the ranch of Smith and Reddell, near Lisbon, Joe Lawrence, former cook on the ranch, was fatally shot Sunday night by Geo. T. Jamison, foreman of the ranch. He died en route to Sacramento. Sheriff James W. Monroe left early today for the scene but advanced the belief that no arrest would be made.

According to the story told Sheriff Monroe by telephone by Jamison, he was attracted to the vicinity of the turkey shed by a noise and saw Lawrence, whom he did not recognize, running toward a car parked nearby. He commanded the man to halt but Lawrence only quickened his speed and Jamison opened fire with a shotgun. Lawrence fell within a few feet of his car. Jamison says that four turkeys, their feet tied ready to be carried away, were lying in the road near the car.

Lawrence, who until recently was employed as a cook on the ranch, was carried to the ranch house and Sheriff Monroe notified by telephone.

"I just shot a man I caught stealing turkeys and I guess he's done for."

"Put him in your car and make a run for the emergency hospital at Sacramento," ordered Sheriff Monroe.

Just before dying he looked up at Jamison and said: "I guess you got me, all right. I wouldn't have tried anything like this but I've been drinking pretty strong liquor and wanted money pretty bad."

After delivering the body to the Sacramento police, Jamison gave himself up but was released on his own recognizance on the order of Sheriff Monroe.

Before leaving his office for the scene of the shooting today the sheriff expressed the opinion that Jamison's version of the shooting is correct and would not hold him.

MARKSMAN IS EXONERATED FOR SHOOTING

George T. Jamison, foreman of the Smith and Redell ranch, near Lisbon, was exonerated by a coroner's jury at Sacramento in the killing of John Flores, alias Joe Lawrence, who was shot while caught in the act of stealing turkeys and died a few minutes later while being rushed to Sacramento. Coroner Jack Skelton of Sacramento County presided. It is understood that nothing further will be done.

Sheriff James W. Monroe and District Attorney George T. Kern, who, under the law would be the prosecuting officers, declared that the coroner's verdict closes the case.

The finding as officially set forth in the records reads as follows:

$6000 PER ACRE IS PRICE OF LAND IN WASHINGTON

Yesterday a deal was completed by Thomas O'Connor for an acre of land which he jointly owns with Mrs. Mary Harbinson at a price of $6000.00 per acre and a deposit of sufficient size was made in the deal to insure the sale of the property.

The piece of land is located on the highway at the foot of Fifth Street and west of the present roadway. The land is vacant for the time being, but it is understood by Mr. O'Connor that it will be used by the new purchaser for business purposes.

When the State highway is built from the new subway to the M Street bridge this piece of land will be an advantageous corner, because it will not only be convenient to the new State highway but it will be on the roadway now being used as a highway through the town of Washington.

The Independent could not secure the name of the purchaser, but certainly the desirability of the property is exemplified in the price paid for the land.

From what the Independent understands, the piece of land will be used for commercial purposes, either as a service station or as a hotel site with stores and other accommodations.

Several years ago the property closer to Sacramento, the Reed orchard property, was sold for $1000.00 per acre, and at that time it was believed that price was a substantial one.

The price obtained by Mr. O'Connor for this piece of land sets a new record in land values at this side of the river.

DUCK SEASON OPENS WITH MANY GOOD BAGS RETURNED

Wednesday night and early Thursday morning, October 1st, many local sportsmen went out in the duck ponds after the feathered tribe.

Needless to say that the boys of this section brought home good bags on the first day of the season. The ducks are fat and heavy and are well fed and were not afraid of the huntsmen on the first day's running.

Thousands of Sacramento sportsmen and other sections of the State took advantage of the gun clubs established in northern counties, but their returns were not so fortunate.

Those who frequented the rice fields brought home good bags of ducks, but rice growers are a little cranky because some hunters break down the standing rice when going after their kills.

Local hunters in Washington did not forget that the office of the Independent is always open for little returns of that kind.

ANOTHER CANNED HEAT VICTIM FOUND IN RIVER

Mystery surrounds the death of a man whose body was found in the Sacramento river below the M Street bridge. The body was discovered by transients, who notified Constable Frank Wilson. Wilson immediately called Coroner Ross Wilson, who sent for the body. He had not determined the identity of the dead man.

Coroner Ross C. Wilson Wednesday recovered the body of a one-legged itinerant from the Yolo side of the Sacramento river near the M Street bridge. The discovery of the body was reported to Constable Frank Wilson of Broderick, who in turn called Wilson. There was nothing on the man to identify him. His general appearance and dress indicated he was one of the Broderick jungle men. Constable Wilson stated he had run the fellow out of Broderick several times of late.

RAPID PROGRESS IS BEING MADE ON NEW SUBWAY UNDER TRACKS

The steam shovel that had been digging the subway under the tracks of the Sacramento Northern Railway in West Sacramento completed its work yesterday and was moved away today.

During the past week piling had been driven at the subway site to support the tracks of the railroad until the new concrete subway is completed.

On the southern side of the railroad embankment the steam shovel also excavated a grade for the roadway that is about to be built. The excavated material was moved by trucks to the borrow pit on the northern side of the railroad embankment, and that with the material excavated from the embankment was sufficient to raise the grade to the proper elevation from the subway to Fifth Street.

On completion of this excavation work the contractors, Lord & Bishop of Napa, will start building the subway designed by the State Highway Commission, and in all likelihood the roadway will be completed from the State Highway in West Sacramento to Fifth Street within the next month.

The contract for the road from Fifth Street eastward to the M Street bridge has not yet been let by the State Highway Commission. Here it will be necessary to make a large fill in the borrow pit north of the railroad embankment.

It is understood that this fill will be done through the medium of a suction dredger that is about to be placed in the river.

Condemnation proceedings have been entered by the State Highway Commission against the owners of the property, T. L. O'Connor and Mary Harbinson, for that portion of their property that will be required for the roadbed and immediately outside the right-of-way of the railroad company.

PROBATE ASKED FOR WILL OF JOSEPH SHAW BY WIFE

Woodland, Sept. 30.—Application for probate of the will of Ralph Shaw of Broderick, who died September 23rd, indicates that he left an estate of real estate and personal property valued at about $20,000.

The estate, according to the provisions of his will, which was drawn on October 17, 1921, is left to his widow, who is also named executrix. The will sets forth that the share of the two children of the couple, Ralph Shaw, who resides with his mother at 520 Second Street, Broderick, and Mabel Inez Shaw of Eldridge, shall be decided by Mrs. Eva E. Shaw, the widow.

AUTO ACCIDENT RESULTS IN INJURIES TO WOMEN AND CHILD

Three persons were injured, including a 3-year-old child, when an automobile owned and driven by S. J. Ritchie of Concord crashed into a lineup of cars near Hart's service station, about a mile and a half out of Broderick, late Sunday afternoon. The injured were taken to their homes in Sacramento.

According to State Traffic Officer H. R. Jacobs, who arrived at the scene within a few minutes after the accident happened, most of the witnesses blamed John Franzoia, 1622 V Street, Sacramento, who is said to have been filling his gas tank at the service station and suddenly pulled out into the road without warning.

The injured were:

Mrs. A. E. Springer, 818 G Street, Sacramento. Back wrenched; cut by flying glass.

Mrs. Verda Page, same address, cut by flying glass.

Anne Page, Mrs. Page's 3-year-old daughter; slightly cut by flying glass.

As Franzoia pulled into the road from the service station, S. J. Ritchie of Concord, who was driving a heavy car, swerved aside to avoid striking him and struck a stage driven by E. M. Casinelli. The collision with the stage threw Ritchie's car against one driven by J. M. Bryan of the Moeller Auto Sales, Sacramento. The force of the impact turned Bryan's car, in which the two women and child were riding, into a ditch.

Glass flew in all directions as the car went over. Ritchie managed to bring his car to a stop.

The injured persons were given first aid at the service station and then taken to Sacramento. It was said that the condition of Mrs. Springer is serious.

Although witnesses agreed that Franzoia was entirely to blame for the accident he was not held. Ritchie said that he was coming along at a moderate speed when Franzoia pulled directly in front of him from the service station at the side of the road. He swerved quickly, but the stage

BOOSTER'S CLUB AIMS TO CLEAN UP CONDITIONS ON RIVER LEVEE

At the meeting of the Washington Boosters' Club last Tuesday evening it was resolved that the club would make another endeavor to clean up conditions on the river levee between the S. P. bridge and the M Street bridge.

Members of the club acknowledged that Sheriff Monroe and Constable Wilson were doing everything in their power to relieve the situation, but they acknowledge that no sooner was a clean-up made by those officers than more derelicts were driven across the river by the police force in Sacramento.

The class of people who resort to the joints or narcotic haunts on the river levee came from Sacramento, and it was advanced by members of the club that not a single person from Washington was among them.

Some time ago a committee was appointed to make the clean-up. At the head of this committee Ray Peak was named chairman, and he was again requested last Tuesday evening to get his committee at work again in an endeavor to relieve the situation.

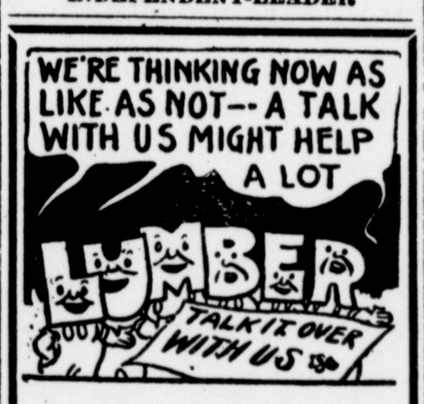
No report had been received by the club concerning the building of more shanties in and around the town. At a previous meeting advice had been given that it was the intention of a property owner to build a number of these shanties on a vacant lot next the Community Church and fronting on the public school building and on the highway running westward.

Considerable discussion was brought about by the presence of Thomas Slaven, who advanced the idea that the Sacramento Bee was doing everything in its endeavor to prevent gambling in the town.

It was shown, however, that no gambling is being conducted within the town limits at the present time, or at least there was no Chinese gambling within the town limits.

Joe Pereira was present at the meeting of the club last Tuesday night for the first time in several months, and reported that Mrs. Pereira is gradually improving in health at Nevada City.

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The well supplying water to the mains for Westgate was sunk to a depth of 800 feet and was cased nearly the entire distance so that there will be no chance for surface water or alkali water to get into the water mains.

As a matter of fact, the casing of this well was doubled with a lining of concrete between so that it is absolutely safe from contamination.

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OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial:

Port: more public input – to a point

Those running the Port of Sacramento here in West Sacramento deserve credit for organizing last week's "field trip" to the Port of Oakland. Oakland's staff and some of their port's critics all briefed the local visitors on how to run a port while being sensitive to its neighbors. The key theme, of course, was "communication."

There were a few other large issues – contrasts, really – that hung about the board room discussion, looming over and around the conversation. One such contrast was that the Port of Oakland is trying to manage problems brought by the pressures of growth, while the Port of Sacramento is trying to manage problems brought on by the lack of growth.

Another is that the West Oakland residents who attended the workshop seemed most interested in getting their port to participate positively in their lives – creating local nature areas, offering jobs to local residents and changing the flow of area trucking traffic, for example. In comparison, the burgeoning activist population near the Port of Sacramento seems more interested in simply keeping their port from doing too much damage – creating new sources of air pollution, for example.

And while the Port of Sacramento's commissioners and director are all demonstrating a laudable effort to include West Sacramentans in their future planning processes, some things have not changed. No one, still, is interested in a basic re-evaluation of the facility's mission and master plan. The facility's maritime mission remains closed to discussion, despite an ongoing struggle to attract shipping. Whether this "close-mindedness" is a good thing or a bad thing, it remains necessary to West Sacramento for the port to take the most creative and open-minded approach possible regarding its land uses. There could be "higher and better" uses of much of the port's land, especially since so much of its real estate will never have anything to do with cargo shipping.

The Port of Sacramento remains a huge landowner in the middle of West Sacramento. The fates of the port and city remain tied closely together. What's really needed is a "joint planning" session involving both the city and the port, with heavy input from citizens. Unfortunately, the city and port have not yet been able to agree on ground rules for such a process.

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'Tis a pity Yolo County District Attorney David Henderson will run unopposed for re-election this year.

To be fair, it is tough to evaluate Mr. Henderson's overall performance in the post – largely because he is so unresponsive to questions. Mr. Henderson has not returned a single phone call to the News-Ledger on numerous issues involving his office over a period of many years, and currently sits in defiance of this newspaper's California Public Records Act request for more information on a criminal case his office is pursuing. Detailed information on Henderson's office is hard to come by through other sources, too.

Maybe Henderson deserves to keep his job and maybe he doesn't. A lively election involving an actual opponent might shed some light on this question.

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Letters to the Editor

Against the casino

A casino does not belong in our city, West Sacramento. It does not matter to me if an Indian tribe, Harrah's Inc., or another organization builds a casino. We have worked so hard over the years to build our city's reputation up; let us not bury it again! A casino leaves its aftermath. Visit what used to be the lovely city of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and you will see what I mean. Too far to travel? Then just think about how long and continuous a project it has been for Reno to build up its image. Have you been in the Las Vegas airport longer than ten minutes? What you see there is sad, sad, sad.

The land in question can eventually be sold and be a viable enterprise for the landowner and the city. Let's not rush and think this sale to the casino will be a quick fix. Let's stay on the even path and keep out city healthy.

MAXINE BOISCLAIR
West Sacramento

Voting information

The election season is currently upon us and I would like to remind voters about important upcoming dates and changes made in voting regulations. The primary election for Assembly candidates will be held on March 5, 2002. This will be a "modified" closed primary election in which voters may only vote for candidates of the same political party with which they are registered (voters who are registered as Democrats may only vote for Democratic candidates and voters registered as Republican may vote only for Republican candidates). Those registered as "Decline to State" may cast votes for candidates of any political party by requesting the ballot of that party. If a voter is registered with a small party (for example, the Green Party or the Peace and Freedom Party), then they will not be able to vote in the Assembly or gubernatorial elections, only for ballot initiatives.

Citizens who would like to cast a ballot in this election must register to vote by February 19, 2002 and need to re-register if they have moved to a new address since last registering to vote. Voters wishing to cast absentee ballots may apply for an absentee ballot application beginning February 4, 2002 and ending February 26, 2002. Absentee ballots must be received by election officials by 8 p.m. on March 5, 2002.

Citizens unsure of their polling locations may contact their local county election office or ask a neighbor, as it is likely that they are assigned to vote in the same precinct. Polling locations will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on March 5th.

I encourage all eligible voters to go out to the polls on Tuesday, March 5, 2002!

KATIE VILLEGAS
President, West Sacramento
Democratic Club

Thank you!

(Editor's Note: Last month, the News-Ledger carried an article about a local teen whose single-parent mother had saved up to buy him a mountain bike for Christmas. Unfortunately, that bike was stolen while it was being stored before the holiday. The mother asked the community for help replacing it – and was gratified to find so many community members willing to help that she ended up turning away some donors. The bike was replaced.

The youngster, Kyle Sirman, composed a "thank you" card to some of his chief benefactors. Here are his words on the card:

With Special Thanks, to Chief of Police & Wife Mr. & Mrs. Gary Leonard; Mr. W. McLaughlin & Staff; the Staff of Golden State Middle School; the Staff of River City High School; ladies from the church and special thanks to Christine:
The world is a whole lot better place
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From our hearts to yours, thank you so very much.

KYLE SIRMAN
& THE SIRMAN FAMILY
West Sacramento

Your letters are invited.

Send your letter-to-the-editor to the News-Ledger, PO Box 463, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Your real name and hometown will be published. Please include your signature and your phone number as well. Letters should be brief.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 13, 2001
File No. 2001-811

The following person is doing business as MG Electrical Services, 1602 Portola St., Davis CA 95616:

Michael Anthony Grimes, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12-10-01.

/s/Michael Grimes

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 2, 2002
File No. 2002-002

The following person is doing business as S&K Home Improvements, 1013 Meadow Rd., W. Sacramento CA 95691:

Stephanie Roth and Kathrynn Kress, same address as above.

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/s/Stephanie Roth
/s/Kathrynn Kress

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The following person is doing business as Photographic Images, 700 Greenwood Ave., West Sac., CA 95605:

Pravindra Singh and Sara Singh, 700 Greenwood Ave., West Sac., CA 95605.

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/s/Pravindra Singh
/s/Sara Singh

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The following person is doing business as Bedroom Productions, 3132 Sherman Island Rd., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Remon Dupree Tolliver, same address.

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/s/Remon Dupree Tolliver

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 24, 2001
File No. 2001-711

The following person is doing business as Snaketan, 909 California St., Woodland CA 95695:

Trent L. Meyer, 909 California St., Woodland CA 95695.

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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1982.

/s/Trent L. Meyer

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by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk
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ORDINANCE SUMMARY

At their regular meeting on January 9, 2002, the West Sacramento City Council adopted, by the vote noted below, Ordinance 02-1 adding Chapter 12.42 to the Municipal Code relating to a Fire Facilities Development Fee. The ordinance is effective 30 days after adoption, on February 8, 2002. A copy of the Ordinance is on file in the office of the city clerk, 1350 Halyard Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

AYES: Cabaldon, Cahill, Kristoff, Villegas, Montemayor
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Jan 16

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the Arlington Oaks Sewer Project to be constructed within the Arlington Oaks neighborhood of the City of West Sacramento. This Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of developing a gravity flow sanitary sewer system of sewer mains in the existing streets and connecting them to the 12 inch main line near the intersection of Manchester St. with Jefferson Blvd. which would deliver the wastewater to the Southport pump station and then to the City's sewage treatment plant. Sewer laterals will be stubbed to each existing property line. Individual property owners will install service lines to the lateral at the street edge from their house. Then the septic tank on each lot will be pumped, abandoned and filled, under the direction of each property owner, in accordance with regulations of the Yolo County Division of Environmental Health.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures, there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment. Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1951 South River Rd., West Sacramento, CA 95691 (916-373-5854).

Any affected or interested parties may submit comments to the Community Development Department no later than February 14, 2002. The West Sacramento City Council will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration on February 20, 2002 in the City Council Chambers located at 1350 Halyard Drive, West Sacramento, California, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. Any affected or interested parties may appear at the City Council meeting and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

Jan 16

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 31 2001
File No. 2001-845

The following person is doing business as Verizon Wireless, 2150 River Plaza Dr. #400, Sacramento CA95833:

AirTouch Cellular, 15505 E. Sand Canyon Ave., Irvine CA 92618 (incorp in CA, #C1147164).

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/3/00.

/s/Nancy Davis, Secretary
AirTouch Cellular, General Partner

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Date: Dec. 31, 2001
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk
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Cns335903

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 28, 2001
File No. 2001-839

The following person is doing business as SBC Internet Services, 303 Second Street, Tower North, San Francisco CA 94107:

Pacific Bell Internet Services, 303 Second St., San Francisco CA 94107.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

/s/Patrick Pascarella, Asst. Sec.
Pacific Bell Internet Services

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Date: Dec 28, 2001
by: /s/Ava Woodard , Deputy Clerk
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Cns332836

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 12, 2001
File No. 2001-810

The following person is doing business as Custom Website Creations; PixelMill; Secure Account; Vivid Office; Vivid Flash, 1947 Galileo Ct., Suite 101, Davis CA 95616 :

Advantrics LLC, same address.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/1/01.

/s/Eric Overfield

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Date: Dec 12, 2001
by: /s/Lupe Ramirez , Deputy Clerk
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Filed Dec. 12, 2001
FBN Number 98-477

The following persons have abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Custom Website Creations; PixelMill; Secure Account; at 1123 Olive Dr., Davis CA 95616.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Yolo County on 8/4/98.

Eric Overfield, 753 Anderson Rd., Davis CA 95616.

This business was conducted by Eric Overfield.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 18, 2001
File No. 2001-821

The following person is doing business as Hudson Construction, 2619 Albany Ave., Davis CA 95616:

Brady L. Hudson and Deborah L. Hudson, 2619 Albany Ave., Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 2001. Previous fictitious business name number 2001-546.

/s/Deborah L. Hudson

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The whole object of comedy is to be yourself and the closer you get to that, the funnier you will be.
—Jerry Seinfeld

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Camels have three eyelids to protect them from blowing sand.

MARKETPLACE

S&S Property Management: highly recommended!

(Note: Below is the latest in a series of *News-Ledger* profiles of our local advertisers. Enjoy!)

By Daryl Fisher
Features Editor

Bill Shower met Christine Koerwitz in the late 1980s and they immediately enjoyed each others' company.

"Bill has always been easy going and a lot of fun to be with," explained Christine. "We had both been in brief marriages when we were younger and we decided to take the time to be really good friends before getting too serious.".

When they first met, Bill was selling homeowner's insurance for MetLife and Christine was working as a real estate agent for West Sacramento's Century 21 Koerwitz Realty, which has been owned and operated since 1977 by her parents, Jim and Jane Koerwitz.

"At the time," remembered Christine, "in addition to selling homes, I was also looking after the 17 or so properties the agency managed and Bill started helping me out in his spare time. Before long he realized that he was really good at property management and shortly after we were married in 1989, he started doing it full time. In 1992 I joined him and we created S & S Property Management. When we started, we only had 40 or 50 properties to manage, but now that number is well over 400, and we really love what we're doing."

"The key to having a successful property management company is that you have to be extremely picky about who you let rent one of your homeowner's properties," explained Bill. "Most property management companies will make a few phone calls and do some basic tenant research, but here at S & S, we have developed an extensive screening process that has been extremely successful in helping us weed out individuals who are not likely to be good tenants. The other important thing is that we try very hard to keep our prices reasonable, and the average price for all the services we provide is only $50-$70 a month, which, when you think about it, is not much more than you would pay a gardener every month to keep your lawn mowed."

In addition to aggressively screening potential tenants, S & S Property Management also gets properties rent-ready, shows and advertises the property, handles any maintenance problems, collects the rent, does semi-annual inspections, provides monthly accounting statements, and basically does everything they can to make sure their homeowners have peace of mind.



Christopher Shower, Tess Holland, Mellisa Mitchell, Christine Shower and Bill Shower

Photo by Barry Blacklaw

Bob and Eva Kerner, who own and operate Capitol West and Capitol City Mobile Park in West Sacramento, have been using S & S Property Management for both their commercial and private properties for years and they are extremely pleased with the results.

"Bill does a truly wonderful job of screening and because of that, we have never had a single bad tenant," said Eva. "Plus S & S is also very affordable, they hire good help when it comes to maintenance and repairs, they take care of all the billing and day-to-day problems, and we just never have to worry about anything. Bill and Christine are such nice people and I would highly recommend them to anyone who is looking for a quality property management company."

John Gabri, a lifelong resident of West Sacramento, said "I've been doing business with S & S for 11 years and they've always treated me and my tenants fairly. They're very cooperative and really good at getting a problem solved quickly and correctly."

Mike Foley, a 13-year resident of West Sacramento said, "I've been very pleased to do business with Bill and Christine for the past four or five years and now I think of them as friends. They really are extremely good at what they do."

"West Sacramento is our home," said Christine, "and many of the properties we manage we drive by every day. Bill and I really love this place, and we like to think that when we do our job correctly, we are also helping our community be a better place to live. Plus all of our wonderful employees are also from West Sacramento, and I know they feel the same way."

In addition to Bill and Christine, S & S Property Management is staffed by Tess Holland, Deniece Braudaway, Mellisa Mitchell, Stacey Farmer, and Christopher Shower.

"I just can't say enough nice things about them," said Bill. "They are really great at their jobs and I don't know what we would do without them. Being knowledgeable about the business and giving good service to our customers is a big part of what we do, and our employees are simply the best."

In the near future, Bill and Christine plan on doing workshops for homeowners so that even if they decide not to use S & S's services, they will be more knowledgeable about how to successfully go about renting a property.

"When I first started in this business," recalled Bill, "I can still remember how a single tenant that wasn't properly screened caused over $17,000 in damages in less than 45 days, so I think the services we provide are very important, and if any of your readers out there are interested in renting one of their properties, I hope they will give us a call and let us see if we can help them."

Bill and Christine have four children: Christopher, who is 22; Matthew, who is 17; Whitney, who is 15; and Kelsie, who is 11.

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• We also like our shellfish. When it comes to shrimp, crab, clams and scallops, Americans put away almost four and a half pounds each per year.

• Americans' consumption of salmon has nearly quadrupled since 1989.

• As might be expected, the British aren't shy when it comes to fish and chips. The largest order of fish and chips on record was served up in Bristol, England and weighed in at 15 pounds—seven pounds of fish and eight pounds of chips.

One of the reasons more people are adding fish to their diet is the health benefit attributed to eating fish—particularly those rich in Omega-3 fatty acids. These potential benefits include the possible prevention of heart disease, sudden heart attack and stroke.



On average, Americans consume nearly 15 pounds of seafood each year.

Consumers now spend nearly $50 billion each year on fish and shellfish. More than half that amount is spent on fish dishes served in restaurants.

The largest quick-service seafood chain in the U.S. featuring batter-dipped fish, chicken, seafood and a variety of side dishes is Long John Silver's, with over 1,200 units in the U.S. and 45 million pounds of fish sold each year. That translates to over a billion dollars in annual sales.

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Touring with Teddi

by Teddi Boylan

Columnist Teddi Boylan brings you her recommendations of places to dine and places to visit in the greater West Sacramento area. Her travels include both stops at our advertisers' establishments and other institutions. Enjoy!

"The rich get rich, and the poor get poorer."

I was told last week that the State of California had taken over the former Money Store building on the river, and had opened up a cafeteria that was open to the public. I was told also that it was "a little pricey" for a cafeteria, so I endeavored to find out for myself.

Hah!

The small parking area in front of the building was filled with cards, vans and trucks. Right next door was a public parking garagewith two entrances. One said "monthly parking," and the other, "public parking." There was also a sign on the "public" parking side entrance stating the hourly rates. I pulled in, and was about to push the button to get my ticket when a uniformed lady hastened out to tell me the rate was $7 whether I stayed all day or one hour.

She told me there was a disabled parking area around back by the side entrance of the main building, so I turned around and headed for the rear. There were at least 50 cars and truck in the parking circle, and all down the street parallel to the river. I didn't ask what the monthly fee was, but I am sure the poorer working stiffs couldn't afford it.

You somehow get the impression the state is trying to get back the money they paid for the building, rapidly, at the expense of the lower echelon of its employees. At $7 an hour, I don't think you will have read a review of the State of California's newest cafeteria. . .

I have heard from many of you who have gone to Nick's Diner, and have not used the coupon on this page giving you a "two for one" breakfast, lunch or dinner. I urge you to use it! Maryann, Bill, Jean, and Lynda: Nick is very sincere in trying to give us seniors a break. He also likes to keep track of how his advertising is doing, and this paper is not the only one he is currently running a coupon in, so let him know we do patronize and appreciate him.

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FOUND Jan 8 near Westfield School: small neutered male, looks like a Pomeranian. Call daytime, 372-2468 or (530) 662-8858.
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HELP WANTED

Manager For senior lunch program, M-F, 9:30 am-1:30 pm, $7.44-$8.21/hr., dep. on exp., must be able to lift 50 lbs., have a valid drivers license and a car. Call (530) 662-7035 for application. EOE.
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—Pascal

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Check Out These Web Sites:

Here are some Web sites you may want to watch:
The Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families Program of the federal Center for Mental Health Services at www.mentalhealth.org/child.
The American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org.
American Heart Association at www.americanheart.org.
The Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Association at www.rsds.org.
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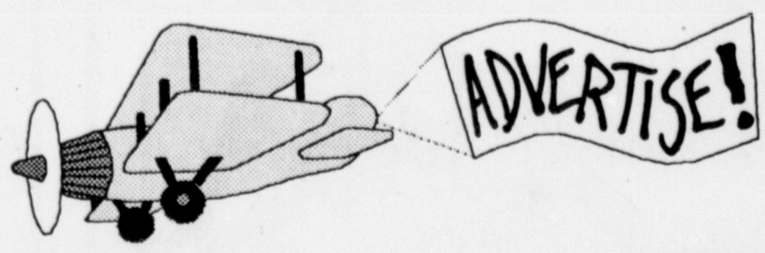
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Guest Commentary:

Opinion: 'toxic' uses are unwelcome surprise

Following is a copy of a speech given by Tammy Backus, the treasurer of West Sacramento Quality Urbanization & Development (WS-QUAD) to the commissioners of the Port of Sacramento earlier this month.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak this afternoon.

We have started to get the feeling from certain key officials in your organization that you don't care about the citizens living around the Port, since we should have seen the Port when we bought our houses. It seems there is a sentiment among some that we should have done our homework before we bought. Well, first, we did do our homework, and what we saw and were told when we decided to buy our house was that the Port was shipping agricultural products, such as rice and logs; just as it had done for the past 30 years. It did not and was not likely to have power plants, cement/asphalt plants, ethanol plants, and oil tank farms and the like. Further, we had an in-depth discussion with the Fire Chief, since that is the division of the City which handles hazardous waste emergencies. We asked about the ammonia tanks and what would be built in the area. He said that those tanks were safe and that when they designated land uses in the Port and business park, they kept the toxics out.

Secondly, it is just not reasonable to expect that the average person is going to do this type of homework. Other than a city planner, or a developer, does the average citizen know what a zoning matrix is? This is precisely the type of situation the government is supposed to protect its citizens from; toxic, hazardous uses directly adjacent to residential zones.

What we did see when driving in to buy our house was a bunch of signs on your property, directing us to the various developments. Those signs are still there today. We did not see any signs that said toxic land uses coming. That would have deterred us from even looking at a house in this area. So, if you think we should have done our homework, maybe you should have done some advertising.

We are all here now, and we are not going anywhere, so we need to develop a good relationship with you and all Port employees and solve problems in a mutually acceptable manner.

I was reviewing the Sacramento Chamber Report regarding the Port of Sacramento. The report shows that the status quo cannot be maintained for the Port. It looks pretty unlikely that the local matching funds will be available for channel deepening from either the Port or other entities. I think this might be a good time to re-examine your mission and come up with an economically viable plan. It is time to consider that the Port could be something more than just a heavily industrialized area.

For instance, Jack London Square is a prime example of a working port with a happy medium between a port and nearby citizens. You have a duty-free zone that you could utilize, and build stores that would generate revenue for you and the city. You could build marinas, restaurants, and other citizen-friendly, revenue-generating entities while still maintaining the core function of importing and exporting of agricultural products.

Also, when you are looking at your mission statement, you need to look at the greater good for West Sacramento, too. The Governor of California is contemplating building his mansion and also a state park in West Sacramento. That would be wonderful, but would he build that knowing that the winds from the cement/asphalt plant, ethanol plant, power plant, and/or oil tank farm are going to be blowing towards his mansion?

News-Ledger Directory *of* Local Places *of* Worship

Anna Street Baptist Church Rev. Norman Pollitt, 371-6560 1400 Anna St., W. Sac. Sun. 10am Bible Study 11am Worship Service Wed. 7pm Prayer/Bible Study http://www.forministry.com/95605ASBC	**Community Lutheran Church** Rev. Marjorie C. Beach, Pastor 920 Drever St., 371-8804 10am Worship/Sun. School Friendly, family, inclusive language. The 'come as you are' church.	**Seventh Day Adventist Church** H. Eugene Miller, Pastor, 334-9315 2860 Jefferson Blvd., W. Sac. PO Box 447, W. Sac. 95691 Sat. Sabbath School 9:30am Worship 11am 372-6570
First Baptist Church Gary Clements, Pastor Sun. Worship 9:45am Sun. eve. fellowship 6pm Jr/Sr High Youth Mon. 6:30pm Home Bible Studies Tues. 7pm Awana (K-6) Wed. 6:30pm Boy Scouts (11-18) Thurs. 6:30pm Men's Prayer Fllwship Sat. 8am 1511 Delaware Ave. 371-4061	**Trinity Presbyterian Church** Rev. David Huusko, Pastor 1500 Park Blvd., 371-5875 SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 10am Worship Service 11:15am Christian Education Child Care Provided JOIN US! www.2xtreme.net/clmet/trinity.htm	**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 1321 Anna St. near Todhunter 371-1211 Rev. Chad Puthoff, SDS Sat. Vigil 5pm (English) Sun. 9 (English) Noon & 7pm (Spanish) Mon. 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am, Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish) Fri. 8:30am
First Southern Baptist Church Pastor Michael Root Sun. School 9:30am Sun. Worship 11am, 6:30pm Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111	**Southport Community Church** James Allerton, Pastor 2568 Industrial Blvd. Elem. School, 10:30am Children's Programs Weekly Small Group Bible Study Great Music www.southportchurch.com 372-7818	**Center for Spiritual Awareness** Rev. Georgia Prescott 374-9177, 1020 W. Capitol Ave. "Where the Elks used to meet" Sun. Service 10am 9:30am Meditation Junior Church for All Ages We Celebrate Diversity! Everyone Welcome!
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church 911 Park Blvd., 371-4814 Father James B. Walsh, Pastor Masses: Sat. Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 9 & 10:30am Weekdays 7am No Mass on Thursday	**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints** Bishop Lew Bodkin ■ 2667 Linden Rd 10am Sacrament Meeting 11:20am Sunday School 12:10pm Priesthood/Relief Society PUBLIC WELCOME! 373-1801	*Is your place of worship represented here?* *Call 371-8030 to find out how to obtain a listing in the Church Directory.*

SPORTS from page three

Bobby Jackson ably filled Bibby's starting spot at point guard with 18 points. The Kings only suited up 10 players on Sunday with rookie Gerald Wallace and Lawrence Funderburke getting some playing time.

The Kings will be at home on Tuesday, January 15th against Cleveland and then travel to Denver for a (5:00 p.m. TNT) nationality televised game. After a day off the Kings will return to action at the friendly confines of the Arco Arena on Friday, January 18th against the Golden State Warriors and again on Martin Luther King Day, January 21st against Jason Williams and the Memphis Grizzlies (7 p.m.).

See ya next week!

This week in government —

The **West Sacramento City Council** will meet in public session tonight (Jan. 16) at 7 p.m. at 1350 Halyard Dr.

Among the agenda items will be a proclamation honoring two postal employees for catching a purse-snatcher; establishment of a special tax district for Southport Industrial Park improvements; amendment to agreement with Caltrans regarding I-80/Enterprise Blvd. interchange project; fee waiver for RCHS Class of 2002 graduation at Raley Field; sale of water revenue bonds; presentation of plan for combined art center and history museum at former Washington Firehouse; addition of fountain to civic center construction project; and discussion of art sculpture placement at River Walk Park.

The **West Sacramento Planning Commission** will meet in public session at 6 p.m. Thursday at 1350 Halyard Dr.

Agenda items include discussion of a proposed design review process, workshop on general plan amendment and possible rezone for Southport Business Park's southeast quadrant (possibly to be delayed to a future meeting.

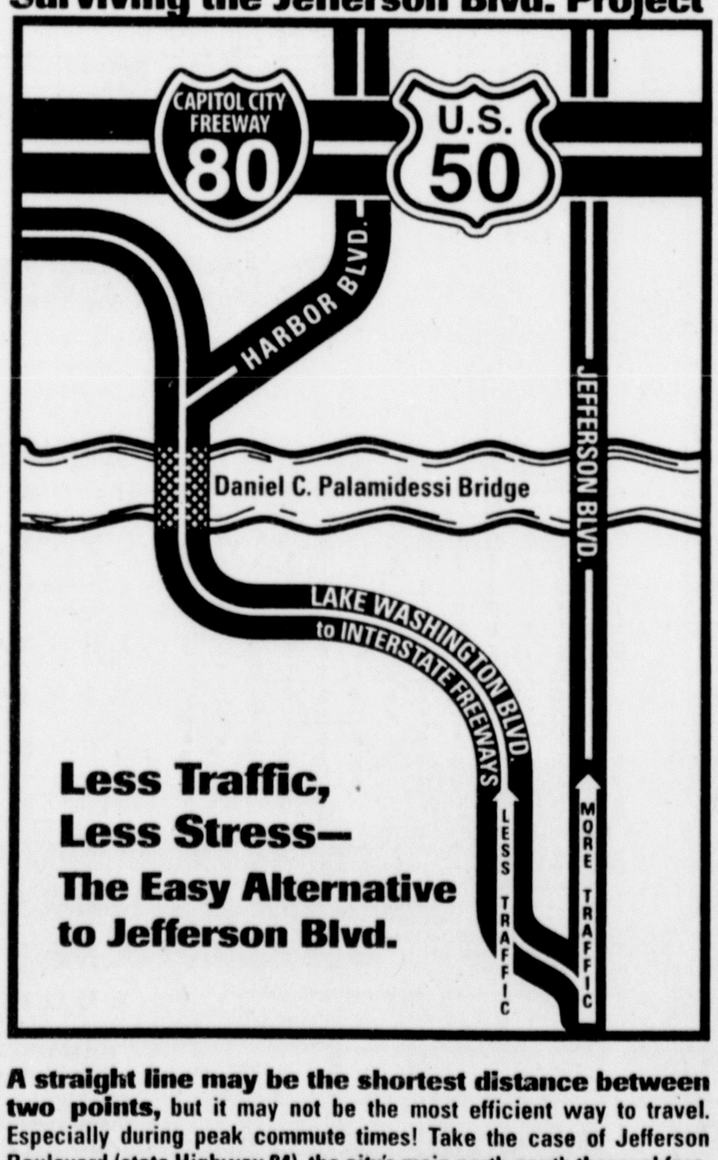
The **West Sacramento Economic Development Advisory Commission** will meet at 6 p.m. on Wed., Jan. 23 at 1350 Halyard Dr. Agenda items have not been made public.

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City Lights Extra:

Surviving the Jefferson Blvd. Project



A straight line may be the shortest distance between two points, but it may not be the most efficient way to travel. Especially during peak commute times! Take the case of Jefferson Boulevard (state Highway 84), the city's main north-south thoroughfare. The increase in commuters using Jefferson has led to frustrating traffic tie-ups south of U.S. 50. The good news is that actions are underway to widen Jefferson from two lanes to four lanes—from Park Boulevard south to Marshall Road. The project includes construction of a second two-lane bridge over the barge canal.

Be patient, the project is just beginning—Caltrans estimates the widening of Jefferson will be complete by 2005. Meanwhile, expect occasional traffic delays during construction activities.

So what do you do? Try alternatives to driving Jefferson during peak commute hours. Break out of that "straight line" thinking.

To save time:

- On the morning commute north, take Lake Washington Boulevard over the Palamidessi Bridge, then on to Industrial Boulevard.
- Use Harbor or Enterprise Boulevards to connect to US 50 or Interstate 80.
- After work, reverse the route to return to the Palamidessi Bridge and Lake Washington Boulevard.

For more about the Jefferson Boulevard Widening Project, see the current edition of City Lights (Winter 2002), published by the city of West Sacramento—copies available at city offices.

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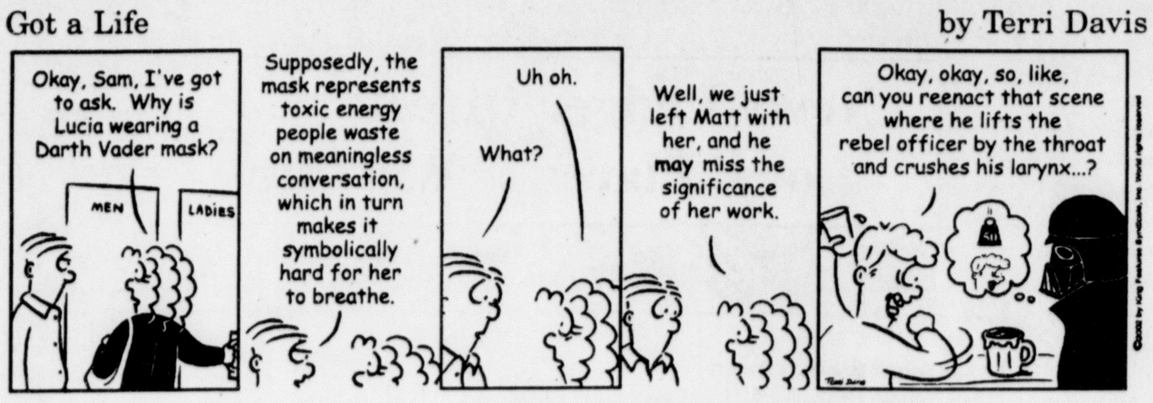
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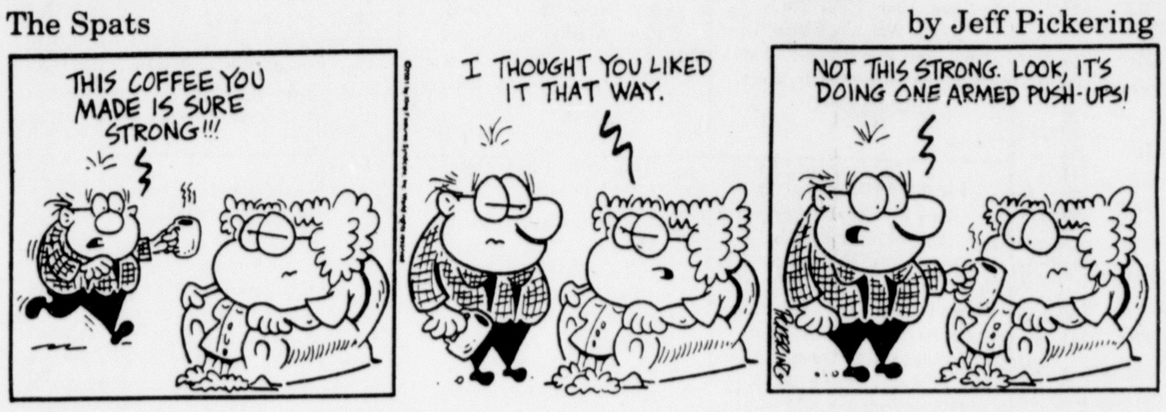
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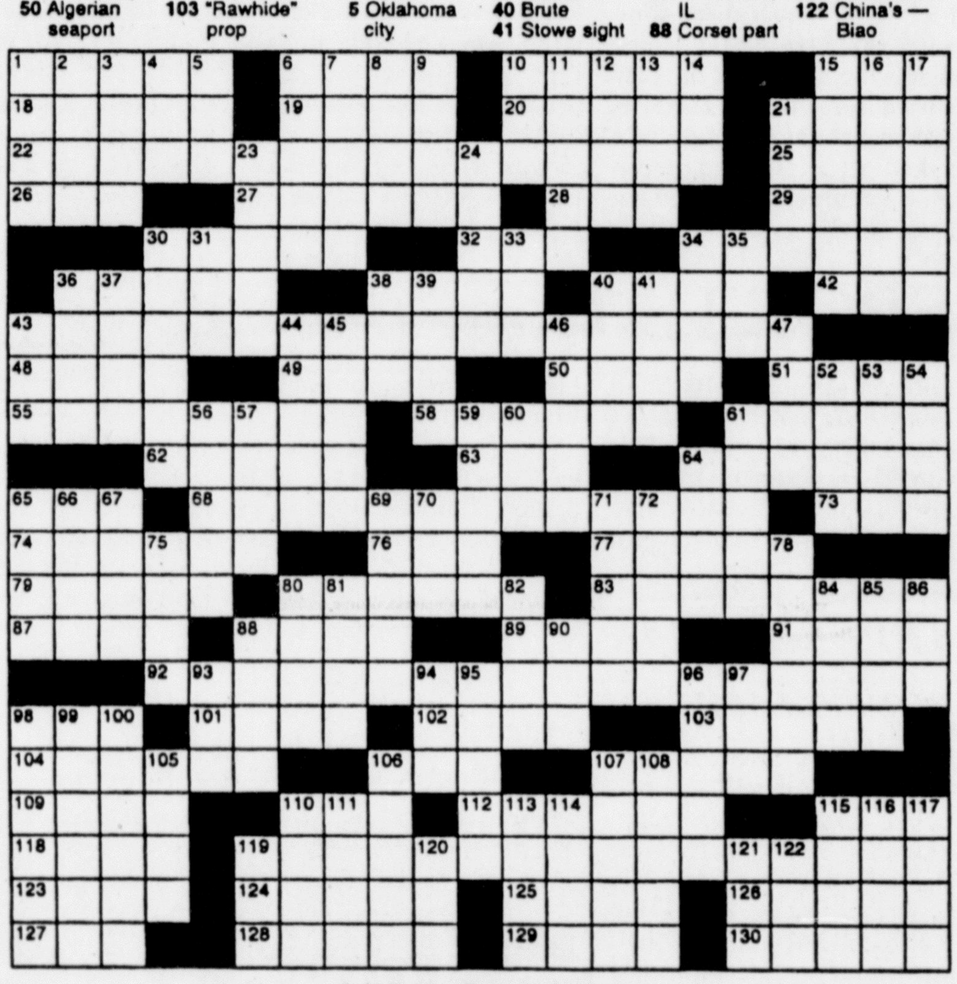


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21 Antitoxins
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25 Evangelist Roberts
26 Wield an axe
27 Hood or Tell
28 Have a hot dog
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43 Harper Lee book
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50 Algerian seaport
51 "My word!"
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58 Singer John
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65 Actor's lunch?
68 Mark Bowden book
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2 Pain
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4 With 46 Down, "Vertigo" star
5 Oklahoma city
6 So out it's in
7 Vote in
8 Hit hard
9 Opposite of aweather
10 "Baby — Want You" ('71 hit)
11 Jeeves' profession
12 Namu or Willy
13 Crowd-burst?
14 Itch
15 McRaney or Ford
16 Lawrence's locale
17 Scrimshaw material
21 Weeps
23 Warhol subject
24 Dress
30 European peninsula
31 Half and half?
33 Sweater letter
34 Meat cut
35 Always, to Arnold
36 — yesterday (naive)
37 Got by, with "out"
38 "Baloney!"
39 Like some donuts
40 Brute
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44 Basic organism
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46 See 4 Down
47 Farmer's place
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54 Moist
56 Photo book
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61 Present company?
64 Ridicule
65 "Very funny!"
66 Tel —
67 Insignificant
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By L. Trimble

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trols, transferring support for certain programs from general funds to categorical funds, as are legal and appropriate, and reducing or eliminating other expenditures in order to stay in the black this year. We will also have to take additional and significant steps during this year to maintain a balanced budget in the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

News-Ledger: Can you talk a little about how safe you think Washington Unified School District campuses are.

Greenfeld: I'm of course committed to having all our schools provide a safe and secure environment for every student. We're trying very hard to make standards for student behavior clearly defined, communicated and enforced on each campus, and I think we're doing a pretty good job of that. Expulsions are down this year, we have a school safety plan for each school site location in partnership with the West Sacramento Police, and I can honestly say that our schools are as safe or safer than the vast majority of those in the greater Sacramento area.

News-Ledger: Can you talk a little about what kind of shape you think the district is in in terms of facilities.

Greenfeld: As you know, we currently have an extensive $25 million modernization project underway in the district and we also have a new classroom wing which will be up and running soon at River City High School that will provide us with ten more classrooms there. In addition, we recently broke ground for the new Bridgeway Island Elementary School and that facility will be a great help to us in terms of the all the growth that is currently going on in Southport. But the major problem with facilities in this district is that we still desperately need a new high school, and in the near future we will be developing a long range facility and finance advisory committee to help us address that and other facility issues.

News-Ledger: How are things going at Golden State Middle School?

Greenfeld: My main concern there is that I want to make sure that Golden State has a schedule that provides all its students with equal access and opportunity to every class, including the high academically challenging programs and electives. To do that, I will be making a strong recommendation to the Board of Education that we eliminate multi-tracks next year. The lack of equitable student access to the core curriculum is simply unacceptable to me and we are going to address that issue.

News-Ledger: Finally, after being on the job for more than six months, what is your general sense of how things are going?

Greenfeld: Well, we are definitely gaining ground but we still have a long ways to go. The only way for a district our size to succeed is for everyone to be on the same page and working hard, and I think that our school board, our teachers, our classified staff, and our administrators are all doing that now. In terms of growth and number of students, the district is bulging at the seams and we still have serious facility problems, but we are addressing that as best we can with the funds that are available. And the more I get to know our principals, our teachers, and especially our students, the more confident I am that our school district's future is brighter than it has ever been.

West Sacramento's Washington Unified School District is made up of ten schools: Alyce Norman Elementary, Bryte Elementary, Elkhorn Village Elementary, Evergreen Elementary, Southport Elementary, Westfield Village Elementary, Westmore Oaks Elementary, Golden State Middle School, River City High School, and Yolo Alternative School. An 11th school, Bridgeway Island Elementary, broke ground in November of last year. The district has almost 750 employees, (approximately 300 teachers) and over 6500 students. 37% of those students are Hispanic, 12% are Asian, and there are 31 different languages spoken on WUSD's very diverse campuses.

Police log

Jan. 8, 2 p.m.
An officer was dispatched to the police department lobby regarding a man who had come to be fingerprinted in preparation for being a youth sports coach. A records check revealed the man had two warrants, including a felony warrant for his arrest. He was arrested.

Jan. 10, 7:30 a.m.
A Fernwood St. man reported someone broke into his car and damaged the steering column in an apparent attempt to steal the vehicle.

Jan. 10, 11:30 a.m.
Officers recovered a stolen vehicle on Del Monte St.

Jan. 10
The mother of a ten-year old reported that a male babysitter may have molested her child and others in the household last month. A detective and Child Protective Services responded to the case.

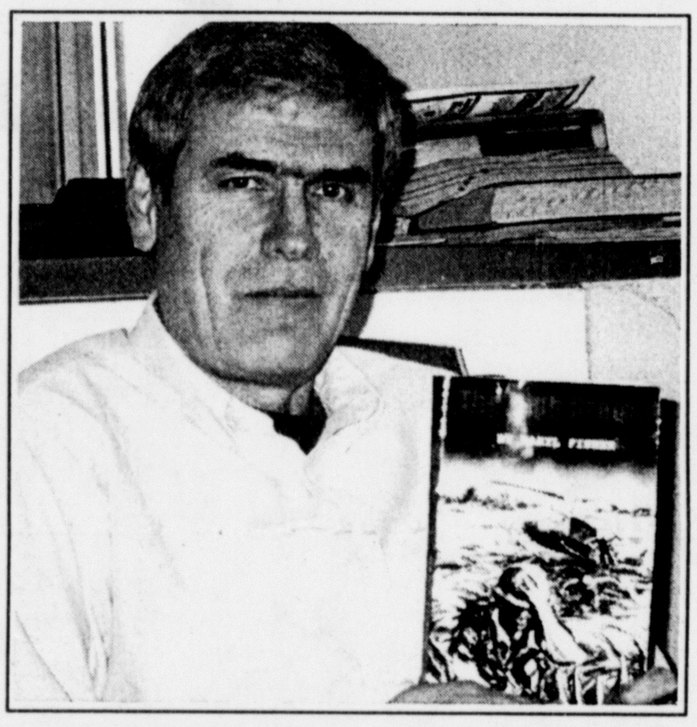
Jan. 10, 5:40 p.m.
A man was found dead in his West Capitol Ave. room. He apparently died of natural causes.

Jan. 10, 7:15 p.m.
An officer saw a 34-year old Sacramento woman approaching stopped cars at Westacre Rd. and West Capitol Ave. The woman smelled of alcohol, and told the officer she had been asking drivers for money. She had $5-$6 in her pocket. She was judged to inebriated to care for herself, and was arrested.

Jan. 10, 8:03 p.m.
An officer and a parole agent joined to arrest a Madrone Ave. parolee at the parolee's apartment.

Jan. 11, 2:40 a.m.
Two officers responded to a Lisbon St. apartment regarding a subject who had been thrown through a window. The man was uncooperative, saying he had injured his own hand breaking the window, but a witness said the injured man had been in a fight with four others.

Novelist/columnist signs copies of new book



Daryl Fisher, whose weekly column, *My Back Pages*, has appeared in the *News-Ledger* for more than a decade, signed copies of his new novel, *The High Ground*, last Saturday afternoon at the Arthur F. Turner Library. The event was sponsored by the East Yolo Friends of the Library, who have also arranged for Daryl to sign copies of his book at their annual dinner on February 26th.

The High Ground is a paperback book, 6" X 9", 355 pages in length, and the cost is $18.95. The cover graphics for the book were done by Daryl's son, Paul Fisher, who is an art major at the University of California at Davis and a 1999 graduate of River City High School.

The High Ground is based on the year Daryl spent in Vietnam and is available through Amazon Books and the iUniverse.com bookstore, and will also be in local bookstores later this month. If you didn't get a chance to attend the book signing on Saturday or won't be able to attend the annual dinner of the Friends of the Library on the 26th of February, feel free to drop by the *News-Ledger*, where copies of the book are also available, or just e-mail Daryl at darylfshr@aol.com and he'll make sure you get a copy.

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– before the "good neighbor program" – the port did a survey of its image.

"To the surprise of a lot of people, we weren't well-liked or well-known," said Adams.

Partly in response, the Port of Oakland now operates two "visitor centers," which provide information about the port, and about jobs at the port, in two Oakland locations.

John Sulpizio, director of the Port of Sacramento, accompanied port commissioners including Mike McGowan (also a Yolo County supervisor) and Mark Montemayor (also a West Sacramento city councilman).

After the delegations of the respective ports introduced themselves, Sulpizio noted the difference in the size of their staffs (the Port of Oakland is the nation's fourth largest international cargo gateway).

"You just met a representative group from the Port of Oakland that is bigger than the entire staff of the Port of Sacramento," he commented of the group in the room. "For us this is a process of exploring tension between land uses, between interests... so we may build a more complete dialogue with our community back home."

Among the Port of Sacramento delegation were several residents – including several affiliated with labor interests and several members of the newly-formed West Sacramento QUAD (Quality Urbanization and Development) group of activists. Also represented was the chief of staff of Sacramento mayor Heather Fargo.

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/s/Susan M. Ashdown

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NO. JR-12926
CITATION

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 625 Court Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on February 27, 2001, at 9:00 a.m. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor born to Roberta Raya on June 7, 1989. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

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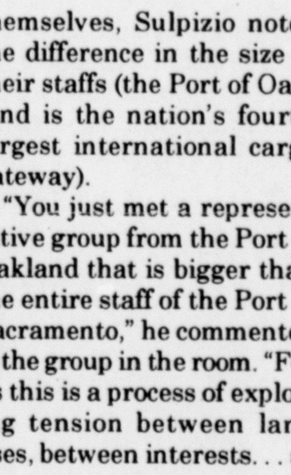
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Answers to Puzzles & Sports Quiz

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solution

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Answers

1. Bill Fischer of the Kansas City Athletics pitched 84 1/3 innings without a walk in 1962.
2. The Florida Marlins are 51-33 in interleague play.
3. The Minnesota Vikings.
4. It was during the 1971 NCAA Tournament. Western Kentucky won 107-83.
5. Detroit won 62 games in 1995-96. Montreal won 60 in 1976-77.
6. Earnhardt captured one title, in 1980.
7. Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia.

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Local Scene

School registration

Our Lady of Grace School will accept registration for 2002-2003 kindergartners on Thurs., Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. in the school library. Parents should bring birth certificate, baptism certificate (if applicable), immunization records and a $225 registration fee. Children must be age five by Sept. 1, 2002. Call 371-9416 for information.

Baseball tryouts

The West Sacramento "Pirates" of the CAL-MEX league will host tryouts soon. The league is an 18-and-over, very competitive baseball league. For information, call 371-6558.

Heart transplant help

Local groups are asking for your help raising money to fund a heart transplant for 15-year old West Sacramento boy Michael Phillips. An estimated $100,000 is needed to pay for surgery care and related expenses. Money can be dropped in designated collection cannisters at Safeway in West Sacramento. Checks may also be made out to "COTA for Michael P." and deposited in Trust Account 1044101069 at Wells Fargo Bank, or sent to COTA at 2501 COTA Dr., Bloomington, IN 47403. The family also asks you to consider designating yourself an organ donor. For more information on Michael's needs, call Catie at 392-3007.

Flag retirement

West Sacramento VFW Post 8762 is collecting warn, tattered and unserviceable American flags for proper disposal. Anyone wishing to turn in a flag in need of retirement may take it to the post at daily after 10 a.m. Call 371-7245 for information.

Super Bowl Sunday

VFW Post 8762 will host Super Bowl Sunday, with gin fizzes and a breakfast buffet, from 9 a.m. to noon on Feb. 3. $6 donation. The veterans' post is located at 905 Drever St, West Sacramento. On Feb. 15, the post will host a big band dance and dinner, with a $7 donation; and on March 9, for $28 per person, it will present a crab feed. Call 371-7245.

Electronics disposal

The Yolo County landfill is now accepting electronic goods for recycling, after new state laws have prevented their disposal in landfills. Electronic items such as typewriters, cellphones, fax machines, stereos, computers (except monitors) and VCRs are accepted free of charge. TV monitors and computer monitors with screens 20 inches or less, measured diagonally, can be received for a $12 fee. Larger monitors cost $18 to recycle and console televisions cost $25. Call (530) 757-5564 for information.

Name that fair

Yolo County Fair officials have announced a contest to name the theme of the 2002 fair. All county residents are invited to enter, and officials intend to choose a patriotic theme. The winner will receive a plaque with his or her name inscribed. The fair is scheduled for Aug. 14-18. Entries may be mailed to Marjorie Pearce, Exhibit Coordinator, Yolo County Fair, PO Box 826, Woodland CA 95776, and must be postmarked by Feb. 4. Call 530-662-5393 for information.

Air quality officer

The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District has an opening on its hearing board for the position of medical profession member. The board meets to decide on petitions for variances from air quality rules, and hears appeals involving permit or emission credit reduction decisions. Terms are for three years. Applications must be received by Dec. 7. Call (530) 757-3650 or (800) 287-3650, or visit www.ysaqmd.org.

Art exhibits

The February art exhibit at the Arthur F. Turner branch library in West Sacramento will be paintings by Joan Hammond. The exhibit is visible during library hours. In March, the library will exhibit photographs by Pitt Turner.

Spaghetti feed

River City High School's cheerleaders will host a spaghetti feed on Jan. 18 to fund its competition team. First dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., and second seating will be at 7:30 p.m., at the West Sacramento Moose Lodge. Cost is $5 and includes spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert. Tickets available at the door.

Crisis counselors

Suicide Prevention and Crisis Services of Yolo County is looking for volunteer counselors for its 24-hour crisis lines. Training is provided. Call (530) 756-7542 as soon as possible for an application packet. Interviews will begin immediately.

Divorce/separation

Yolo Family Service Agency offers "Kids' Turn," a workshop for families experiencing divorce or separation. A six-week workshop begins Jan. 28 and meets Monday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. in Woodland. The program serves parents and their children age 4-14. Mental health professionals and educators will lead the workshop. There is a sliding scale fee; children are free. Call (530) 662-2211, 753-8674 or 375-1254.

Guest evangelists

Joy Christian Ministries will host evangelists Michael and Robin Tramble for a three-night "conference on the Holy Spirit" Jan. 16-18, beginning nightly at 7 p.m. at 825 Sunset Ave. in West Sacramento. There will be a worship service and music. Call 375-0066 for information.

Adult soccer

The city parks department's "Thursday Night Soccer" program begins Jan. 10 from 6:30-8 p.m. weekly at Bryte Park. Call 373-5860 for information. For ages 16 and up.

Adult softball

The city parks department is accepting registration for men's and co-ed softball leagues, $300 per team including a ten-game schedule and playoffs. Entry deadline is March 15. Play begins in April. Call 373-5860.

Book sale

Book bargains will be available at the first East Yolo Friends of the Library book sale of 2002, on Sat.-Sun. Jan. 19-20 at the Arthur F. Turner branch library, 1212 Merkley Ave. Saturday hours are 10-4; Sunday is 10-2. Donations of clean, gently-used books are accepted year-round at the branch. Proceeds of the sale benefit children's programs and other library functions. Call 375-6465 for library information.

Sunday breakfast

The West Sacramento Elks Lodge will host a Sunday breakfast on Feb. 3 from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is $4.50 per person, $2.25 for kids under five. Address is 423 Third St.

Bingo!

The West Sacramento Elks Lodge will host a special bingo to raise funds for 15-year old Michael Phillips, who is on a waiting list for a heart transplant. Ten games are available for $10 buy-in. There will be prizes, and refreshments will be sold. The games will begin at 2 p.m. on March 3 at 423 Third St.

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